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The Agricultural Research Service is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2004. To honor this occasion the Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Lab in Kimberly is having an open house from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, Aug 17, 2004. We will have displays and demonstrations highlighting some of our past accomplishments and our current research.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture consolidated most of its research activities into the newly named Agricultural Research Service during a major reorganization in 1953. As a public institution, ARS conducts agricultural research exclusively for the public good at over 100 locations in the United States. Our research is often long-term and costly, and unlikely to be undertaken by the private sector. The work we do touches the lives of every American through the food we eat, clothes we wear and environment in which we live.

The ARS lab in Kimberly was established in 1963. The Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory has operated under different names in the past, such as Snake River Conservation Research Laboratory and Soil and Water Research Unit until its current name was designated in 1995. Our current mission is to develop environmentally compatible and economically sustainable water, soil, plant nutrient and crop management practices for irrigated agriculture in the United States. Some past accomplishments from the lab are developing self-cleaning screens for irrigation water, improving fertilizer recommendations for crops, and reducing soil erosion with polyacrylamide (PAM).

The open house will start at 4:00 pm on August 17. A short program will precede a complimentary meal at 6:00 pm. For more information about the Kimberly ARS lab or the open house see our website (<http://www.nwisrl.ars.usda.gov>) or contact Dave Bjorneberg (423-6521) or Kara Vander Linden (423-6567).



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